INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Ashok Paper Mills have two units one at Jogighope in Assam and other at Rameshwaranagar in Bihar. The Paid up Capital of Ashok Paper Mills as on 31-12-86 is 509.61 lakhs (both Equity & Preference share capital). The shareholding pattern is broadly as follows:

1. Government of Assam 31 per cent
2. Government of Bihar 16 per cent
3. Public Financial Institutions 48.5 per cent
4. Promoters, Associates and Public. 4.5 per cent

(b) The Jogighope unit has been lying closed since March, 1983.

(c) Central Government have informed the Assam State Government that it is the responsibility of the State Government to reopen and revive the Ashok Paper Mills. The Central Government has offered to provide necessary assistance to the Government of Assam for the reopening of the Ashok Paper Mills, including the technical and managerial expertise of the Hindustan Paper Corporation.

On a reference made by the Company in June, 1987 the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction has declared Ashok Paper Mills as a Sick Industrial Company in terms of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 and has initiated necessary proceedings under the Act.

'No Industry Districts' in Assam

2386. SHRI AMRITLAL BASUMATARY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the districts in Assam which have been declared as 'No Industry Districts' and when these were so declared;

(b) whether any industry has been located in for these districts since such declaration; and

(c) what is the total investment on these industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The North Cachar Hills and Lakhimpur in Assam have been declared as 'No Industry Districts' in 1981. According to the information available with the Government, M/s. Hindustan Fertiliser Corporation Limited is located at Lakhimpur. From 1983 to 1989 (upto June), 12 letters of Intent and 1 Industrial Licence have been issued. 2 De-licensed Industries Registration (DLR) in 1987 and 1 DLR in 1988 have also been issued.

Investments anticipated on the basis of issue of the above LOIs/IL since 1983 is as below:

LOIS

Year	Rs. in crores
1983	9
1984	13
1985	1
1986	87
1987	40

Setting up of essentially needed component industries

2387. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a consistent demand for setting up of essentially needed component industries in the country;

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to set up such industries

near the major export-oriented industries; and

(c) whether any State Government has proposed for such a venture and submitted any proposal and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The Government recognises the need for setting up of various component manufacturing industries in the country. In the last few years, the Government have substantially liberalised the industrial Licensing policy and Procedures like de-licensing of specific industries and de-licensing for non-MRTP/non-FERA Companies up to an investment of Rs. 50 crores in backward areas and Rs. 15 crores in non-backward areas, subject to specific conditions. All these facilities are available for the setting up of components manufacturing units. Various steps have also been taken for promoting small scale ancillary Units in the country to meet the requirements of both large and medium Undertakings. For the technological upgradation of components manufacturing industries, transfer of foreign technology is being allowed on a case to case basis. Proposals for the setting up of units for the manufacture of components are considered on merits.

Complaints to MRTPC against manufacturers of Consumer items

2388. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any complaints with MRTPC against the manufacturers of cigarette, tooth paste, shaving cream and other consumer items about manipulation of production, creation of artificial scarcity and tying up of sales of some of the slow moving products with fast moving ones; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon and if no action has been taken so far, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) The MRTP Commission does not maintain product-wise details of such complaints. The Commission, being a quasi-judicial body, is empowered to take appropriate action on such complaints of consumers under the provisions of the MRTP Act, 1969.

Complaints against the Director(PI)

2389. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the services of former Director(PI) of his Ministry have been placed at the disposal of the State Government;

(b) if so, when the communication was sent and what are the details thereof ?

(c) whether it is also a fact that the complaints received against him have neither been investigated nor have been brought to the notice of the State Government;

(d) what are the details of the complaints received and what are the reasons for not investigating the matter; and

(e) what steps are being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE